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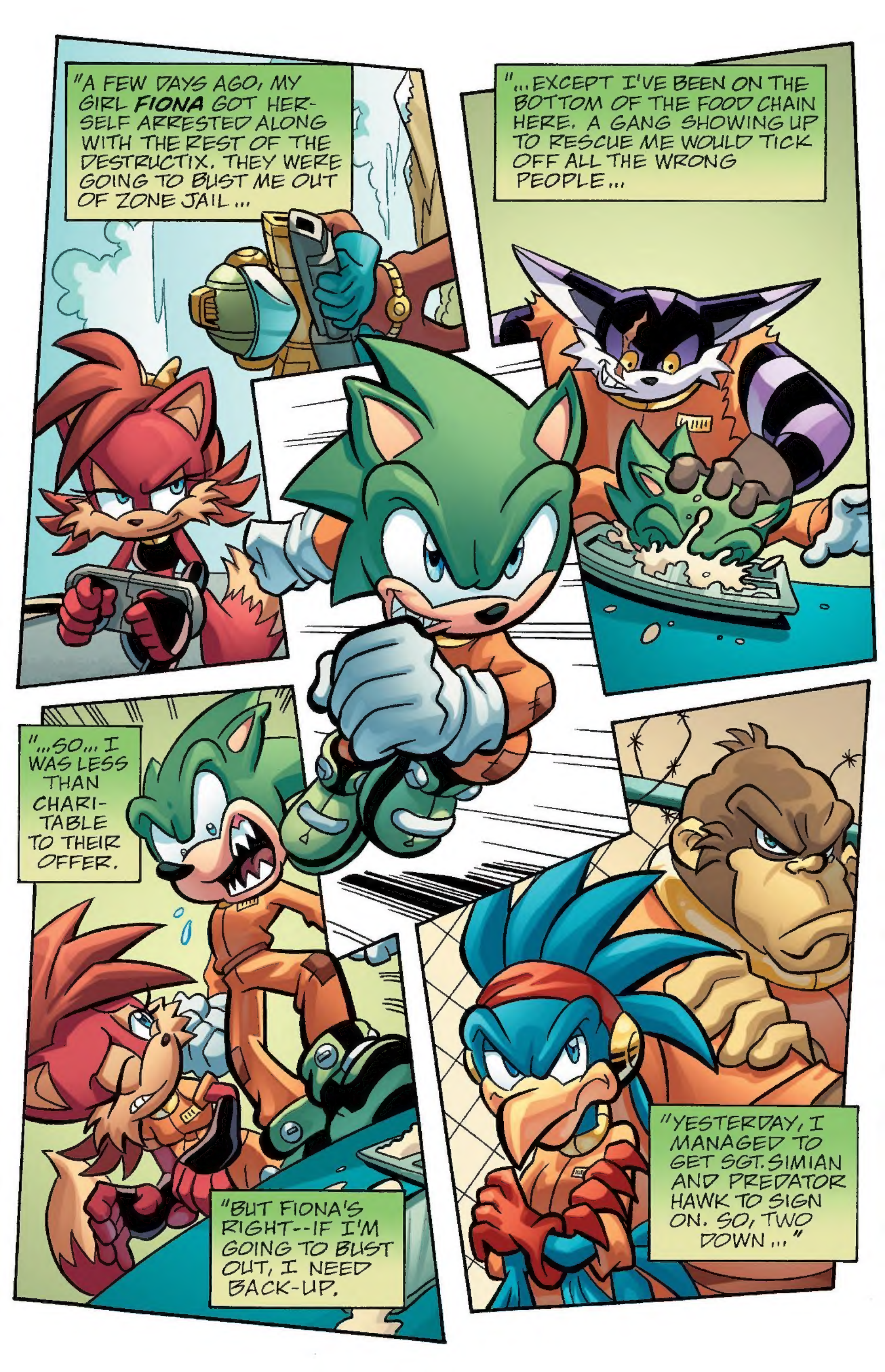
"A FEW DAYS AGO, MY GIRL FIONA GOT HERSELF ARRESTED ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE DESTRUCTIX. THEY WERE GOING TO BUST ME OUT OF ZONE JAIL...
"...EXCEPT I'VE BEEN ON THE BOTTOM OF THE FOOD CHAIN HERE. A GANG SHOWING UP TO RESCUE ME WOULD TICK OFF ALL THE WRONG PEOPLE...
"...SO... I WAS LESS THAN CHARITABLE TO THEIR OFFER.
"BUT FIONA'S RIGHT--IF I'M GOING TO BUST OUT, I NEED BACK-UP.
"YESTERDAY, I MANAGED TO GET SGT. SIMIAN AND PREDATOR HAWK TO SIGN ON. SO, TWO DOWN..."

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SETTING THE STAGE
QUIT YER FLAILING! DO YOU WANT TO HIT ME?
HORIZONT-AL YOUR GUESS...
"...TWO TO GO."
JEFFREY ST. CROIX OLD GANG RIVAL
SCOURGE THE HEDGEHOG RISING GANG LEADER
N-N-NO S-S-SIR!
WE'LL TAKE OUR ABUSE MORE CONSIDERATELY!
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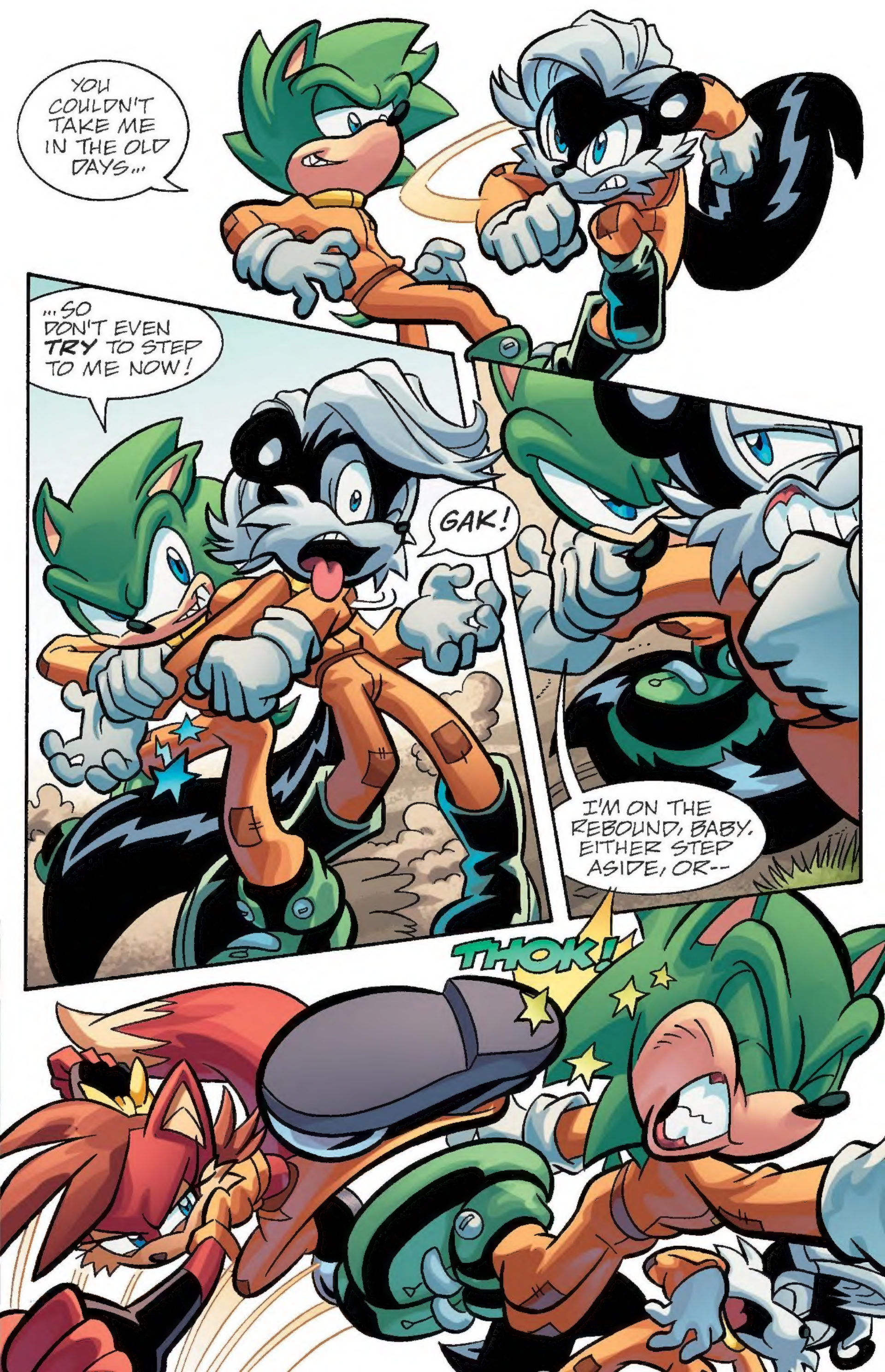
HEY, JEFF! YOU GET TIRED OF PICKING ON GUYS YOUR OWN SIZE?
OOF!
WHEEEE!
DON'T PRESS YOUR LUCK, "SNOT." JUST BECAUSE THE DESTRUCTIX CLAIMED YOU AS THEIR NEW PUNCHING BAG DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE UN-TOUCHABLE!
BIG TALK. YOU WERE A CHUMP ON MOEBIUS, YOU'RE A CHUMP IN HERE, YOU TWO ALL RIGHT?
YES! IN THE MOST RELATIVE SENSE.
LUCKILY, I LANDED ON MY HEAD!
DOES THIS MEAN ALL OUR FAWNING HAS ENDEARED US TO YOU?
NAH. IT'S NOT LIKE I NEEDED AN EXCUSE TO STOMP THE GUY...


YOU COULDN'T TAKE ME IN THE OLD DAYS...
...SO DON'T EVEN TRY TO STEP TO ME NOW!
GAK!
I'M ON THE REBOUND, BABY. EITHER STEP ASIDE, OR--
THOK!

JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE **OURS** DOESN'T MEAN YOU GET TO FIGHT YOUR SUPERIORS, "SNOT."

=KOFF!= YES, PLEASE, KEEP HIM IN LINE.

OH, I'LL PUT HIM BACK IN HIS PLACE.

FIONA FOX
SCOURGE'S GIRLFRIEND (NO, REALLY!)

SORRY, BABE, BUT I'VE GOT TO KEEP UP APPEARANCES.

HEY, I CAN TAKE IT.

OOF!

DON'T GET **TOO** INTO IT, THO'!

DON'T TIP OUR HAND YET. IF YOU MESS THIS UP, GANG OR NOT, WE'RE NEVER GETTING OUT OF HERE.

YEAH-YEAH-YEAH. I'VE GOT IT.

GOOD. NOW SAY "UNCLE."

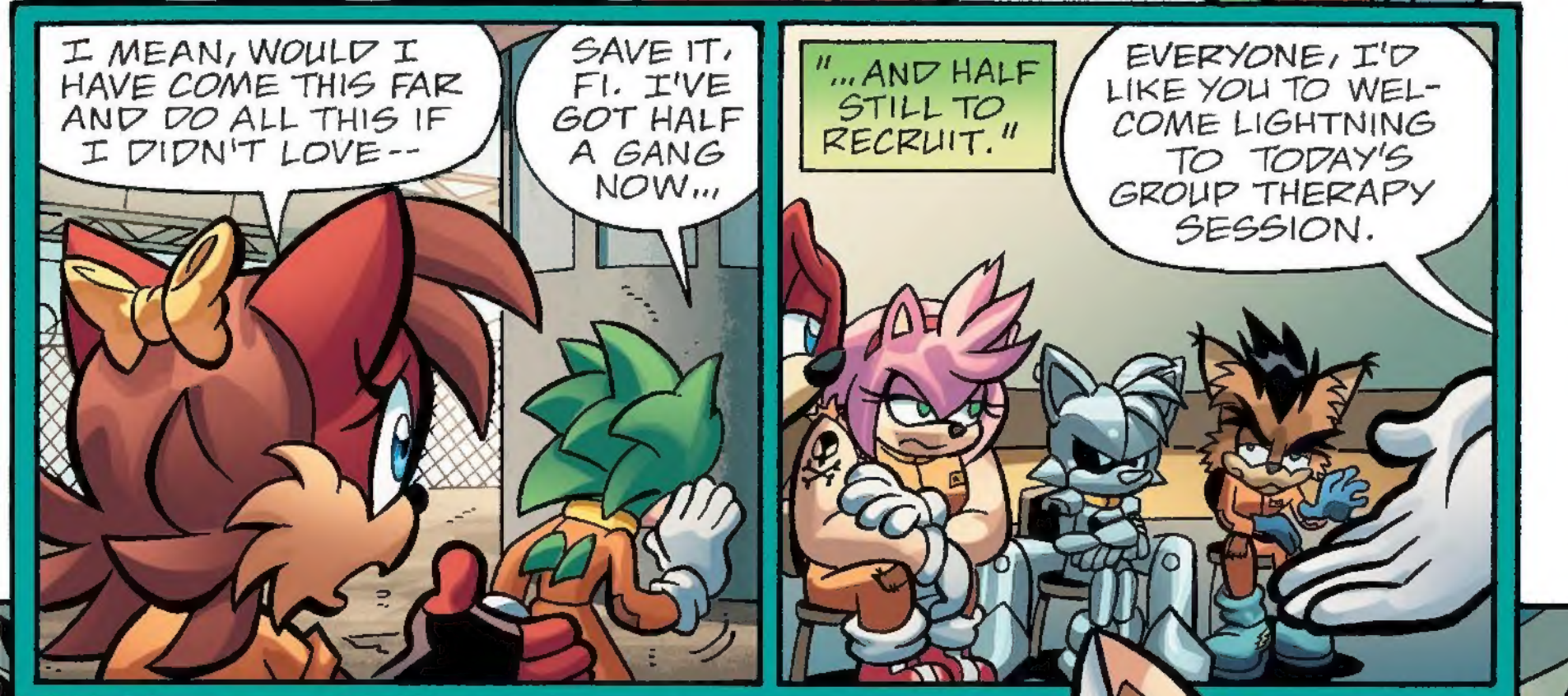
OH COME ON, FI...

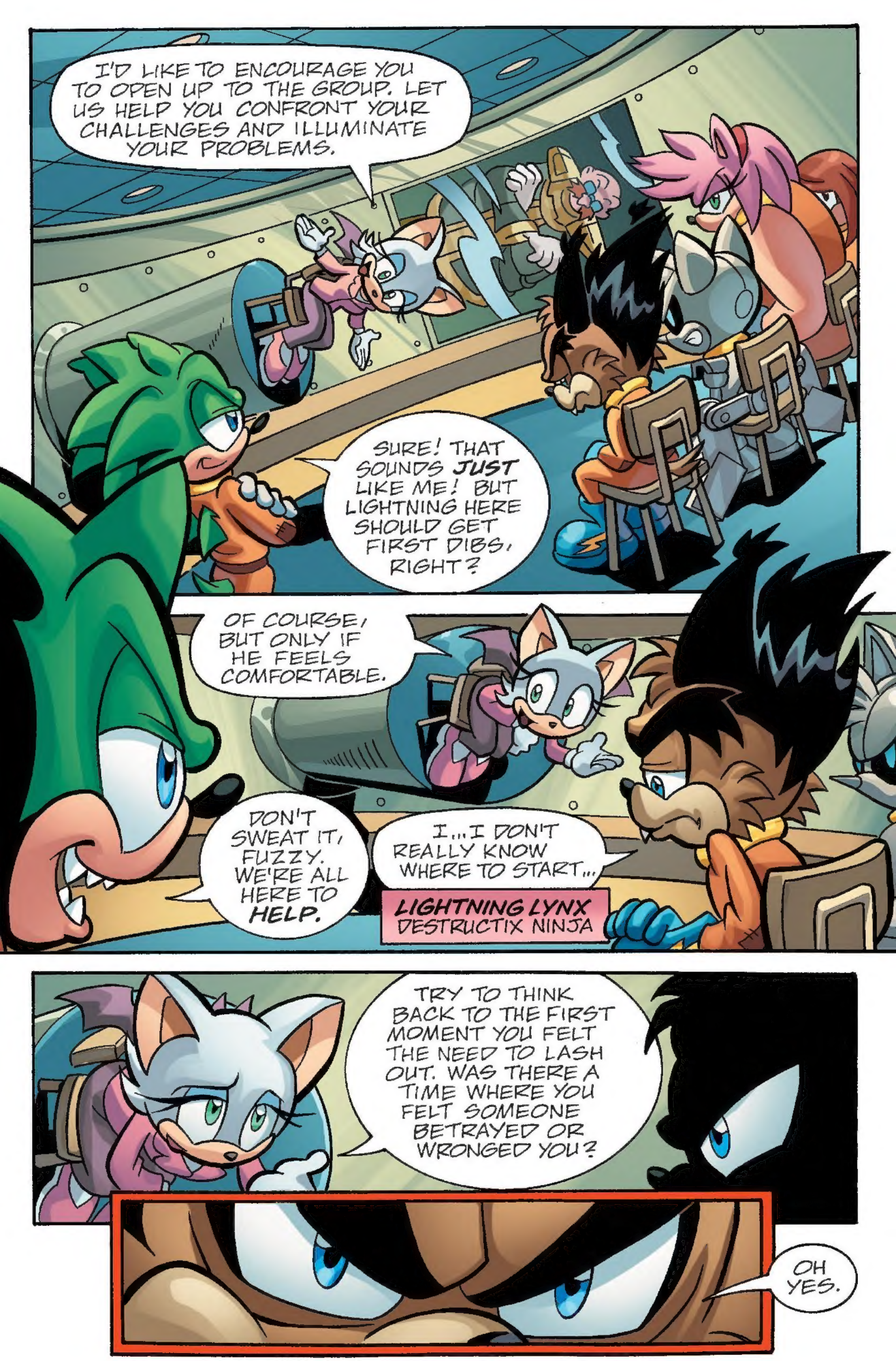
OW! UNCLE! UNCLE, YOU CRAZY LOON!

FIRST YOU DITCH ME AT FREEDOM HQ*, AND NOW THIS. ARE YOU **TRYING** TO TICK ME OFF?

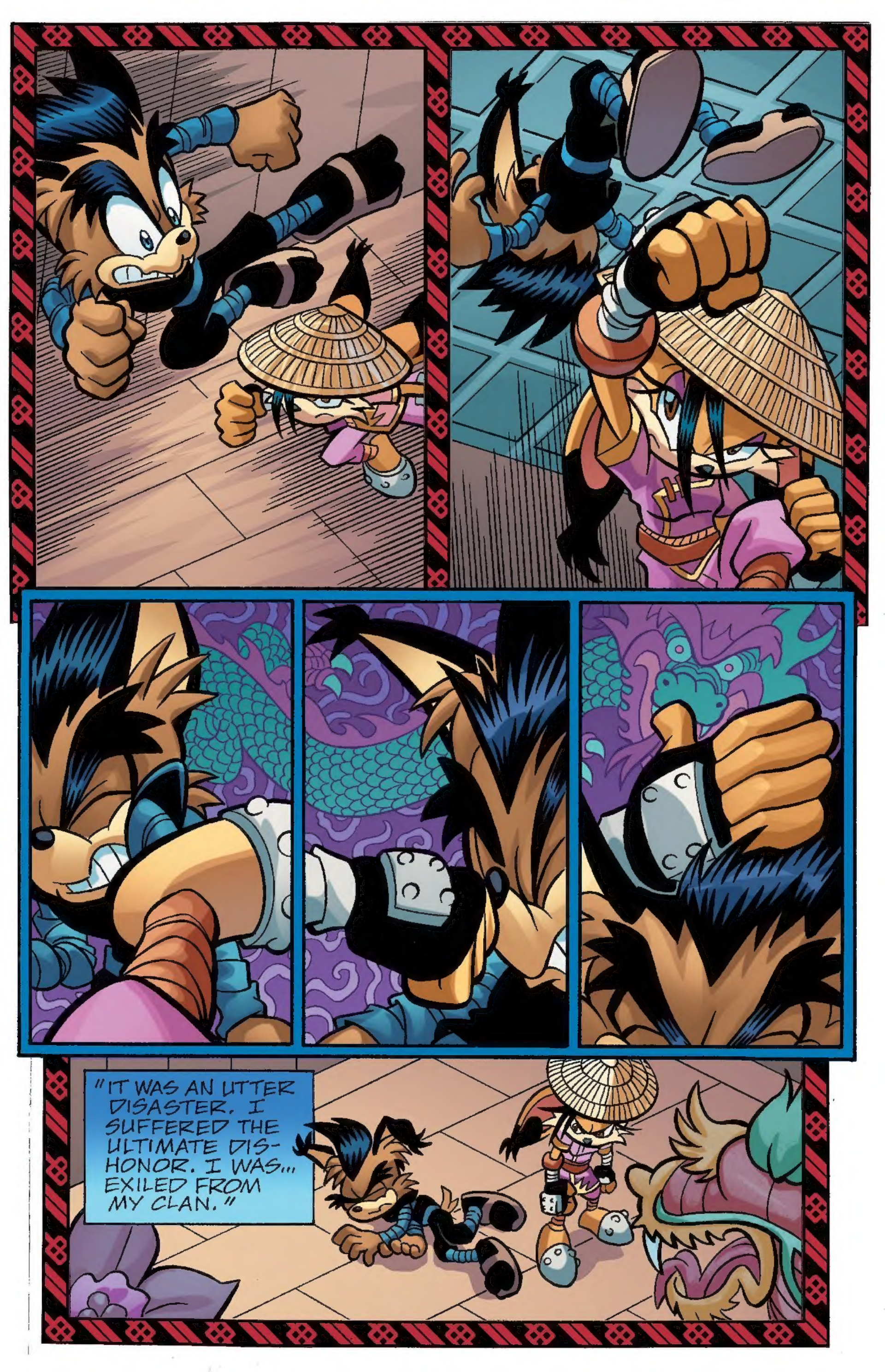
I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING FOR YOU THEN, BABE. WHAT MATTERS IS THAT I'M HERE NOW AND KEEPING YOU ON TRACK!

*STH #195-196.




I'D LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO OPEN UP TO THE GROUP. LET US HELP YOU CONFRONT YOUR CHALLENGES AND ILLUMINATE YOUR PROBLEMS.
SURE! THAT SOUNDS JUST LIKE ME! BUT LIGHTNING HERE SHOULD GET FIRST DIBS, RIGHT?
OF COURSE, BUT ONLY IF HE FEELS COMFORTABLE.
DON'T SWEAT IT, FUZZY. WE'RE ALL HERE TO HELP.
I...I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHERE TO START...
LIGHTNING LYNX
DESTRUCTIX NINJA
TRY TO THINK BACK TO THE FIRST MOMENT YOU FELT THE NEED TO LASH OUT. WAS THERE A TIME WHERE YOU FELT SOMEONE BETRAYED OR WRONGED YOU?
OH YES.

"IN THE RAIJU CLAN, YOUR SKILL DICTATED YOUR WORTH AND RANK. I WAS THE BEST.
"AND I WASN'T JUST THE FASTEST. I WAS THE QUICKEST FIST, THE KEENEST EYE, AND THE SHARPEST FORM.
"THERE WAS ONLY ONE I RESPECTED...
"...THE BRIDE OF OUR CLAN, CONQUERING STORM.
"I... I DIDN'T JUST RESPECT HER--I LOVED HER. BUT SHE WOULD ONLY ACCEPT SOMEONE OF GREAT STRENGTH AT HER SIDE...
"...SO I CHALLENGED HER TO A DUEL TO PROVE MY STRENGTH. TO PROVE MY FEELINGS."


"IT WAS AN UTTER DISASTER. I SUFFERED THE ULTIMATE DIS-HONOR. I WAS... EXILED FROM MY CLAN."

"LATER, I WAS FOUND BY MAMMOTH MOGUL AND I SERVED HIM... UNTIL HE ABANDONED US. BUT EVENTUALLY, THE IRON QUEEN TOOK COMMAND OF THE FOUR HOUSES...

"...AND I WAS INVITED BACK AS A FOREIGN LIAISON. MY HONOR AND CLAN STATUS WERE RESTORED!

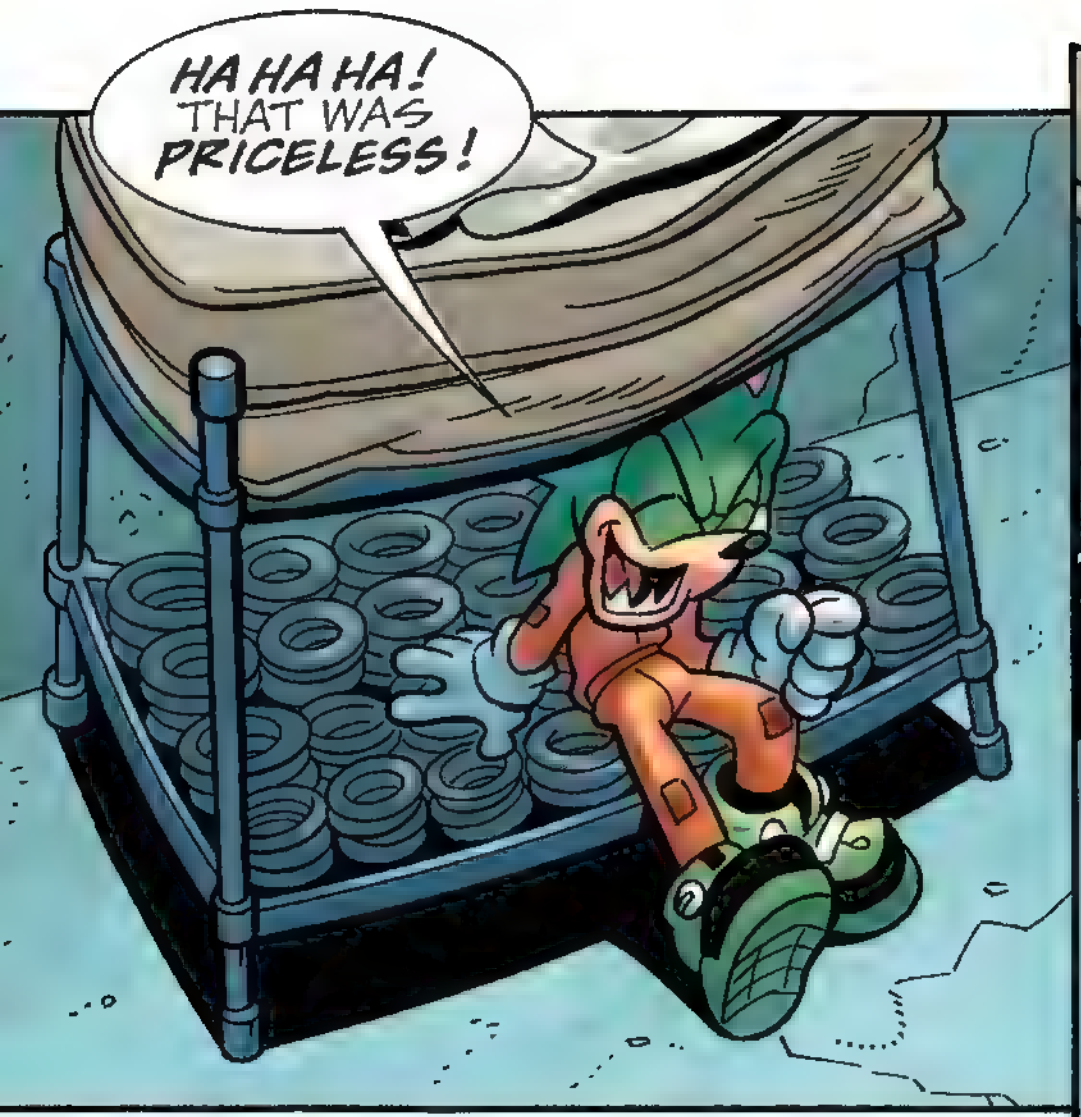
"I SERVED THE BRIDE OF THE CONQUERING STORM DIRECTLY. I WAS CONTENT TO BE AT HER SIDE...

"...UNTIL I WAS DEFEATED AND DISHONORED AGAIN."*

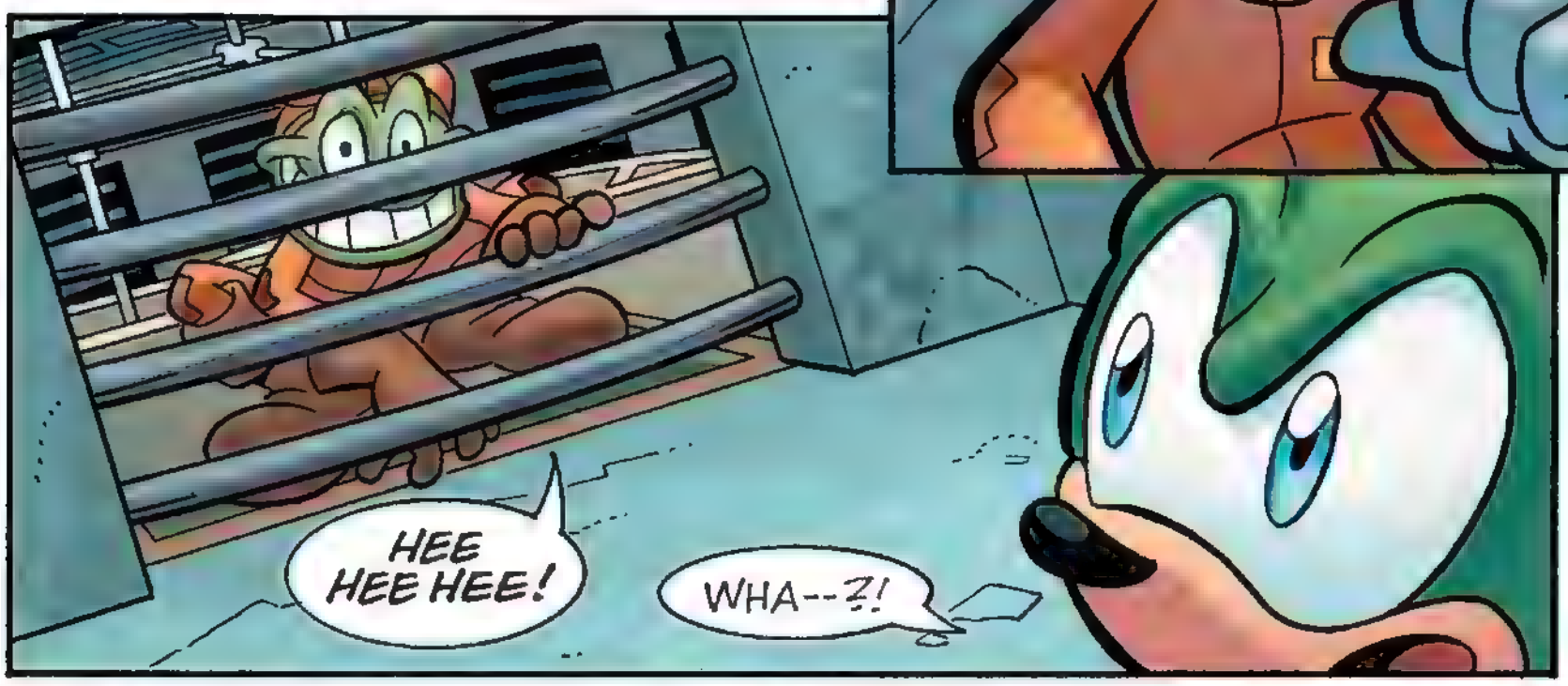
*SEE SH ARC #4 "JOURNEY TO THE EAST"

I'VE JUST BEEN SO ANGRY ALL THIS TIME. I HAD ALL THIS SKILL, BUT SHE DIDN'T THINK I WAS WORTHY, AND SO...
DUDE, YOU'RE TOTALLY RIGHT TO BE ANGRY! I MEAN, I'M ANGRY FOR YOU!
YOU WERE THEIR BEST AND THEY JUST KICKED YOU OUT! AND WHAT DID YOU DO WRONG? NOTHIN'!
ENCOURAGEMENT IS GOOD, SCOURGE, BUT WE NEED TO BE CONSTRUCTIVE...
I MEAN, HOW UNGRATEFUL CAN THAT LADY GET, RIGHT? SHE BREAKS YOUR HEART, KICKS YOU OUT, CALLS YOU BACK, KICKS YOU OUT AGAIN--AND FOR WHAT? BECAUSE YOU WERE TOTALLY DEVOTED TO HER?
EXACTLY MY POINT!

YOU GOT PLAYED!
YEAH!
EVERYONE TURNED THEIR BACKS ON YOU!
YEAH!
YOU DESERVE REVENGE!
YEAH!
YOU ALL DESERVE REVENGE!
YEAH!
NO! VENGEANCE MEANS NOTHING! EVERYONE NEEDS TO CALM DOWN!
DUDE, SHE'LL BE ONE MORE NAME ON MY LIST.
IF I GET YOU OUT, WILL YOU HELP ME?
THERE GOES MONTHS OF PROGRESS. GET THESE IDIOTS BACK TO THEIR CELLS!

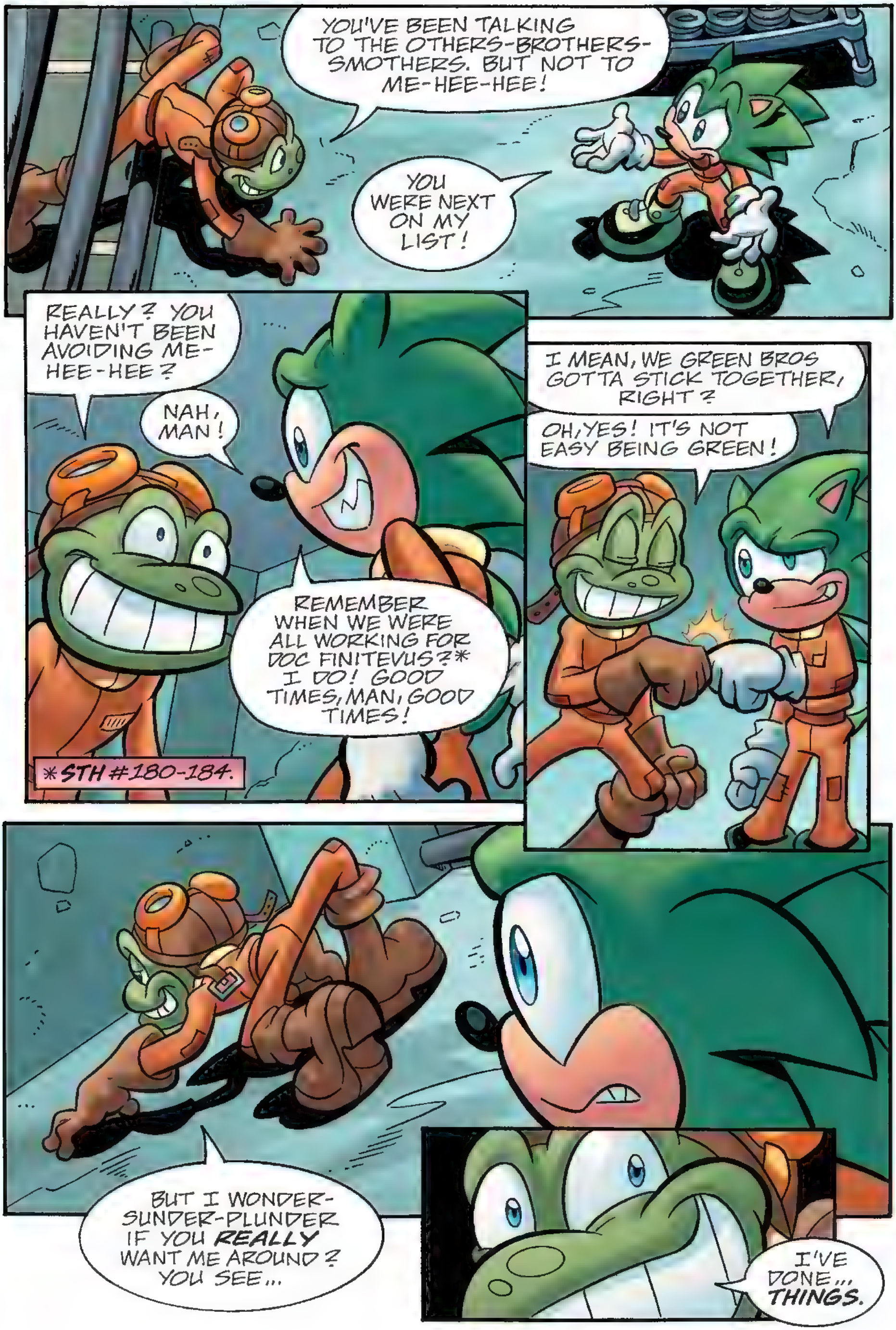

HA HA HA! THAT WAS PRICELESS!

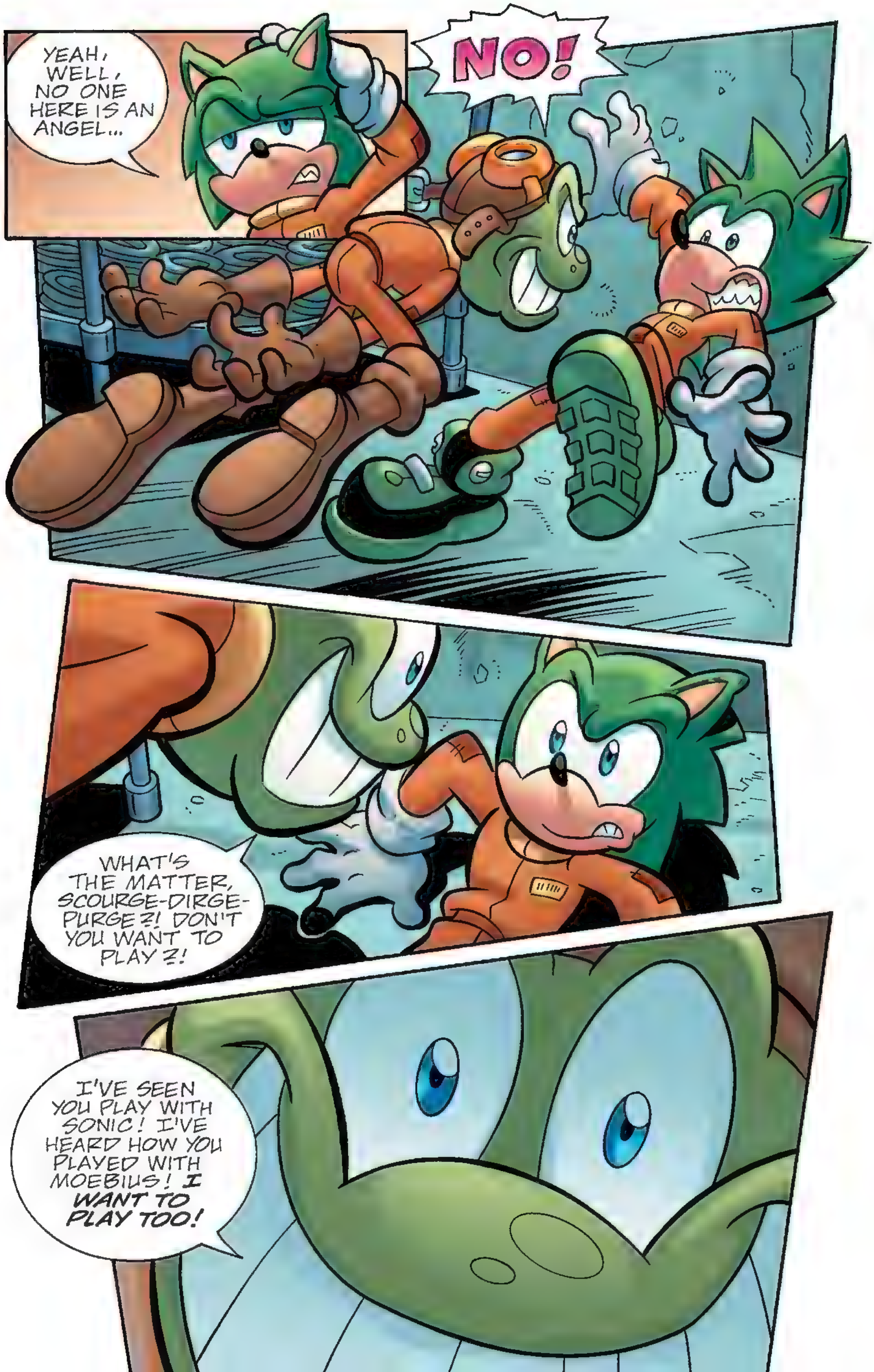
I NEED TO TALK ABOUT MY FEELINGS MORE OFTEN. IT GETS MORE PEOPLE HURT THAT WAY!
HEE HEE HEE!


HEE HEE HEE!
WHA--?!

Uh... HEY, FLYING. DIDN'T...DIDN'T SEE YOU THERE. Um... 'SUP?
HEE HEE HEE...

HEE-HEE-MEEEEEE?
FLYING FROG JUST PLAIN CREEPY


YOU'VE BEEN TALKING TO THE OTHERS-BROTHERS-SMOTHERS. BUT NOT TO ME-HEE-HEE!
YOU WERE NEXT ON MY LIST!
REALLY? YOU HAVEN'T BEEN AVOIDING ME-HEE-HEE?
NAH, MAN!
REMEMBER WHEN WE WERE ALL WORKING FOR DOC FINITEVUS?* I DO! GOOD TIMES, MAN, GOOD TIMES!
*STH #180-184.
I MEAN, WE GREEN BROS GOTTA STICK TOGETHER, RIGHT?
OH, YES! IT'S NOT EASY BEING GREEN!
BUT I WONDER-SUNDER-PLUNDER IF YOU REALLY WANT ME AROUND? YOU SEE...
I'VE DONE... THINGS.


YEAH, WELL, NO ONE HERE IS AN ANGEL...
NO!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, SCOURGE-DIRGE-PURGE?! DON'T YOU WANT TO PLAY?!
I'VE SEEN YOU PLAY WITH SONIC! I'VE HEARD HOW YOU PLAYED WITH MOEBIUS! I WANT TO PLAY TOO!

"THE DESTRUCTIX PLAY THE GAMES I LIKE TO PLAY! NOT LIKE THE RUN-SCREAM-CRY MERCIANS!
"A LITTLE PAIN-STAIN-INGRAIN NEVER HURT ANY-ONE! NOT ME, ANYWAY! SO MANY SHOUTING-POUTING-CLOUTING...
"THEY TRIED TO LOCK ME AWAY-STAY-PAY, BUT I GOT OUT! THEN MORE WOULD FIND MY MESS-EXCESS-SUCCESS!
"SO MORE CHASE-DEFACE-ERASE, AND I PLAY WITH THEM NEXT! AND THEN THE NEXT, AND THEN THE NEXT, AND THEN THE NEXT--!"

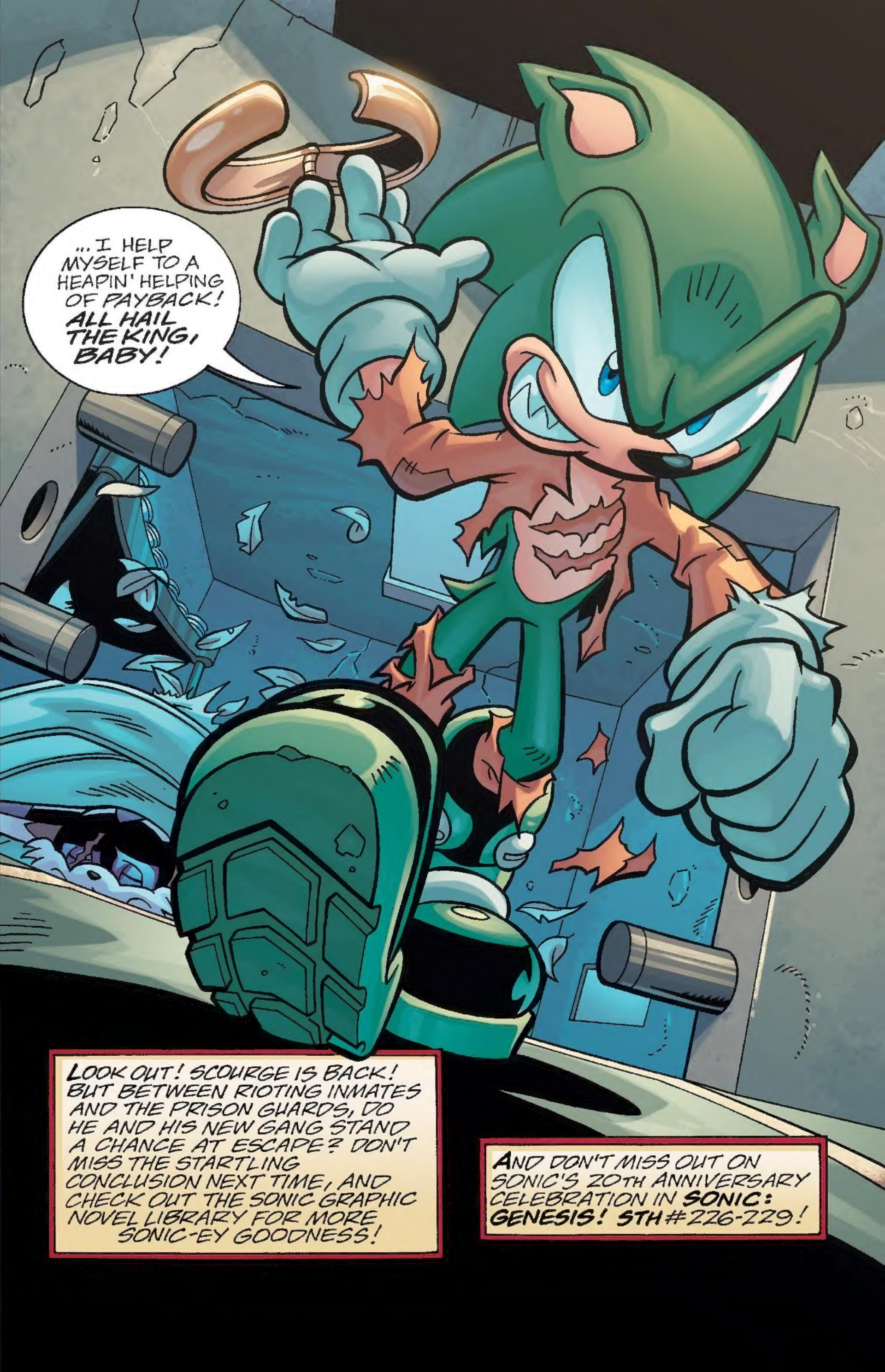
KNOCK IT OFF!!
I'M RUNNING THE DESTRUCTIX NOW, SO YOU FOLLOW ME!
OH. OKAY.
SOUNDS LIKE FUN!
EESH! THE GUY MAKES ROSY LOOK CUDDLY!*
*ROSY THE RASCAL, STH #193-194.

MAIN CELL BLOCK.
LATER THAT NIGHT...
WOULD YOU SETTLE DOWN? I NEEDS MY BEAUTY SLEEP.
NO CAN DO, ABBY. BESIDES, YOU'LL WANT TO BE UP FOR THIS.
WHAT THE--?! YOU'RE BUSTIN' OUT?!
THAT'S THE PLAN. KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT AND MAYBE YOU CAN SLIP OUT IN THE MEANTIME.
YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE, KID. BUT HOW DID YOUR BOYS...?
ONE'S A NINJA AND THE OTHER'S A FREAK.
I HID THE GUARDS WE TOOK OUT. BE CAREFUL--THE HALLWAYS DON'T HAVE THE CORRECTED GRAVITY LIKE THE YARD OR CELLS DO.
Jellystars

"PHASE ONE--I SLIP OUT WITH FLYING AND LIGHTNING AND SNEAK OUT TO THE CONTROL ROOM."
HEY... DID YOU SEE THAT?
NO. WHAT WAS IT?
I DON'T KNOW. IT ALMOST LOOKED LIKE...
"PHASE TWO--WE TAKE CONTROL OF THE CONTROL ROOM."
AHHH!
KRAK!
Boop!

"PHASE THREE--WE UNLOCK ALL THE CELLS AND NORMALIZE THE GRAVITY TO CREATE SOME PANDEMONIUM..."
JAIL BREAK!!
CLINK
"PHASE FOUR--WE ONLY TURN OFF THE COLLARS OF OUR GANG SO WE CAN TAKE OUT ANYONE IN OUR WAY."

HUH...?
AND PHASE FIVE...
HEY, SNOT! THE DOOR'S OPEN! IF YOU CARRY ME, MAYBE I'LL HELP YOU GET OUTTA HERE! WHADDYA SAY?
I SAY...
SLAM


...I HELP MYSELF TO A HEAPIN' HELPING OF PAYBACK! ALL HAIL THE KING, BABY!
LOOK OUT! SCOURGE IS BACK! BUT BETWEEN RIOTING INMATES AND THE PRISON GUARDS, DO HE AND HIS NEW GANG STAND A CHANCE AT ESCAPE? DON'T MISS THE STARTLING CONCLUSION NEXT TIME, AND CHECK OUT THE SONIC GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY FOR MORE SONIC-EY GOODNESS!
AND DON'T MISS OUT ON SONIC'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN SONIC: GENESIS! STH #226-229!

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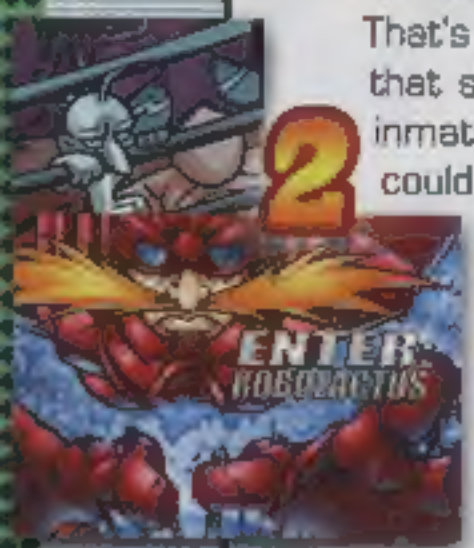
i fought the law and the editorial commentary won!

IT'S CAMEO TIME!

Let's face it, the creative team behind Sonic the Hedgehog and Sonic Universe are also fans of the series and its characters! That's why we got so excited when we realized that since a ZONE JAIL is a prison that holds inmates from unlimited alternate universes, we could bring back some of our favorite off-the-wall characters from years past! Some of the highlights include (1) Abby, Knuckles and Julie-Su's maid from "25 Years Later" (2) Robolactus & Silver Snively from STH#104 (3) Mephiles the Dark and Void from Sonic '06 and Sonic Shuffle respectively and (4) The Werehog from Sonic Unleashed -- just to name a few! **Who else can YOU spot?**



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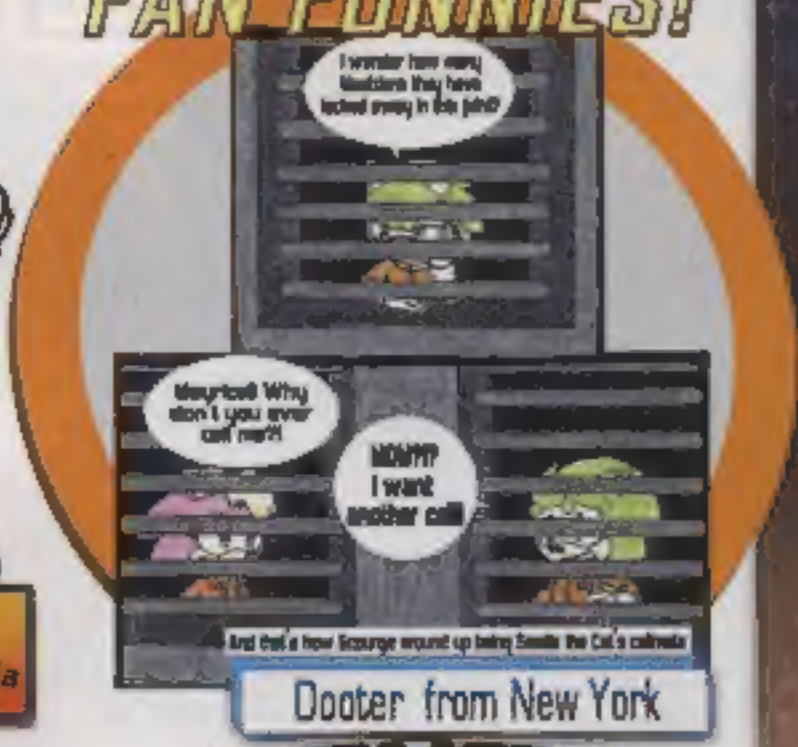

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ON SALE THE WEEK OF 9/27/11

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ENTER: TAILS!

BUT WHAT CAN BOY-GENIUS MILES "TAILS" PROWER DO TO HELP FIGHT EGGMAN? FIND OUT NEXT ISSUE!

"SONIC: GENESIS" pt3 (of4)

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 09/06/11

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
I love the direction that Ian Flynn has taken the comic lately. He is finally bringing back all the best parts of the story that made me love it in the first place.

We aim to please!

All my favorite villains and heroes united once more! And "Genesis" is blowing me right out of the water!

Good thing, too – wouldn't want to get stuck in that water and wait around to be rescued by Chris Thorndyke!

I LOVE YOU GUYS SO MUCH! You have helped me grow up and I wouldn't be the same person without the Sonic comics. I will not stop reading until you stop publishing the comics! So please never stop!!!

With as Much Love as I can Muster,
Mark P.
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

P.S. Tell Steve Butler, Ian Flynn, Tracy Yardley and Matt Herms and everyone else whom I can't think of that they do an amazing job! They are all incredible! :D

Will do – thanks for the kind words, Mark!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
Hello, I'm Krissie.

Howdy!

I've been a big Sonic fan for, well, since I was itty bitty.

Wow!

I have a few questions which you've probably been asked a billion times before. I just really hope that you'll take the time to answer them one day.

One way to find out!

1] Will Miles, [anti-Tails] ever have his own arc? He's become one of my absolute fav characters! I simply love him.

Well, Scourge is bustin' out of Zone Jail and if he is indeed successful, I'm SURE that the Supression Squad will be popping up again! As for his own arc? Not too likely at the moment.

2] Will we ever see Anti-Knuckles in the comics again? And did he change his name like everyone else of Moebius?

Ah yes, Anti-Knuckles and his beret-of-evil...I'd be interested in seeing where he wound up, too!

3] Will we ever see Hershey again? I really liked her. It's a shame that she's gone now. It makes me so sad. But I have to smile! If I smile enough maybe she'll come back, right?

Can't say...you may have to settle for the candy bars and theme park for a little while...

4] Will Shadow and Silver be answering more fan mail together anytime soon? I read them answering it on the blog and I thought that they had marvelous chemistry together! They were almost like brothers. ^^

LOL, yeah they were funny together!

5] The whole reset button thing in StH has really confused me some. I have a few theories about it, but I'm still a bit confused about it. Even after reading the latest comics over and over. Could you explain it to me?

*Yeah, see, it's like this, Eggman pu– *presses the letters page reset button* I'm sorry, what were we talking about?*

6] Wow! I ask a lot of questions! Well, this'll be the last one so... Can Amadeus Prower play the piano?

Falco would love that one! Come and rock us, Amadeus! You can open for Mina!

Thank you very much for reading and answering my questions!

Miles Prower's #1 Fan!,
Krissie G.
Conyers GA

No problemo! See y'all next month!

IT'S YOUR SONIC UNIVERSE!

We want your input! Write & tell us what you're likin', lovin', or what's leaving you in the dust! Remember, include "My Sonic Universe" in the subject line on your letter or e-mail! It's your Sonic Universe, after all, so drop us a line!